a horse In Smithfield: an I could get me but a wife
In the stews, I were manned, horsed, and wived.

Enter the Lord Chief Justice, and an Attendant.*

PAGE. Sir, here comes the nobleman that committed the prince for striking him about Bardolph.

I learn from a passage in Greene's Disputation between a He Conevcatcher and a She Conevcatcher, 1592, that *St. Paul's* was a privileged place, so that no debtor could be arrested within its precincts. STEEVENS.

In The Choice of Change, 1598, 4to. it is said, "a man must not make choyce of three things in three places. Of a wife in Westminster; of a servant in *Paules;* of a horse in Smithfield: lest he chuse a queane, a knave, or a iade." See also Moryson's Itinerary, Part III. p. 53, 1617. REED.

"It was the fashion of those times," [the times of King James I.] says Osborne, in his Memoirs of that monarch, "and did so continue till these, [the interregnum,] for the principal gentry, lords, courtiers, and men of all professions, not merely mechanicks, to meet in *St. Paul's* church by eleven, and walk in the middle isle till twelve, and after dinner from three to six: during which time some discoursed of business, others of news. Now, in regard of the universal commerce there happened little that did not first or last arrive here." MALONE.

Before the introduction of newspapers, the pillars of this church seem to have answered the same purposes as the columns of those daily publications. The following passage is from a volume of Harleian Manuscripts filled with scraps of letters and other concerns of Mrs. Jane Shelley (daughter of John Lynge, Esq. of Sutton in Herefordshire), who died in 1600. The writer, who appears to have been one of her servants, addressing his sister, complains of the strictness of his lady, and determines to leave her service: "It may be you will say I wer better to here of a new before I loose the ould servisse: my answer is, I cannot loose much by the bargain: for yf I take but *the basest course, and sett my bill in Paules*, in one or two dayes I cannot want a servisse." *Harl. MSS.* 2050. BLAKEWAY.

* — *Lord Chief Justice,"*] This judge was Sir Wm.

Gascoigne.

Chief Justice of the King's Bench. He died December 17. 1413. and was buried in Harwood church, in Yorkshire. His effigy, in judicial robes, is on his monument. STEEVENS.

His portrait, copied from the monument, may be found in The Gentleman's Magazine, vol. xi. p. 516. MALONE.

There is a much finer portrait of Sir Wm. Gascoigne, in Cough's Sepulchral Monuments, vol. ii. BLAKEWAY.